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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Submission of CIA Requirements for Maps and Charts to DIA

1. This memorandum is in response to questions you raised on 29 August regarding the submission of CIA mapping requirements to DIA.

2. DIA Program. DoD Directive 5105.27 makes the Assistant Director for Mapping, Charting & Geodesy (DIAMC) responsible for developing overall requirements and priority guidance for DoD mapping, charting, and geodetic (MC and G) activities. DIAMC undertakes this task through an annual solicitation of geographic area requirements for standard MC and G products from the Unified and Specified Commands, the Military Departments, other DoD components, and the CIA. Following receipt of the requirements by DIAMC, they are assembled, validated, and integrated and then forwarded to the JCS. The net result is legitimatized in the Map, Chart, and Geodetic Annex of the Joint Strategic Objectives Plan (JSOP).

3. CIA Involvement. DoD first solicited CIA requirements in 1964. Requirements were not solicited in 1965, but we have been contacted in each of the 2 years since. MC and G activities fall organizationally under intelligence but traditionally have been dominated by the needs of operations. DIAMC's decision to include CIA in the annual requirements exercise thus represented a departure from pattern. The inclusion may have resulted from our successful development of the Special Intelligence Graphic as a DIA responsibility. In any event, CIA's participation in the annual review of military mapping and charting requirements is useful both as a means of influencing military area priorities and of fostering greater awareness and acceptance of intelligence needs among MC and G management personnel.

4. Scope of Requirements. DIA Instruction No. 70-6 and the 1967 DIAMC memorandum soliciting the Agency's requirements provide detailed guidelines. The geographic area requirements are explicitly related to MC and G products only; they "...should express the total need for a product without consideration as to whether the area is covered by existing or inadequate materials." (emphasis added) In

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addition, "...consideration should be given to all possible contingency requirements as well as to all training plans and requirements, intelligence commitments of the DoD, intelligence plans and activities, and DoD commitments in support of U.S. National Policy." Instructions conclude with the statement that "...new or revised area requirements not covered in the annual submission may be submitted to DIA at any time." The considerable time lag between the collection of data and its ultimate processing into a map necessarily requires that procedures for identifying data requirements as contrasted with mapping products involve entirely different machinery and priority considerations.

5. Aside from the opportunity it affords to influence the production of military maps and charts that have importance to the intelligence mission, the annual mapping requirements exercise has improved CIA's understanding of what its requirements really are. Both the intelligence production elements of the DDI and the broad array of intelligence activities in the DDP and the DDS&T have been forced to think through questions of area priorities and long-term interests that heretofore have been uncoordinated and casually dealt with. This should continue to be conducive to good management.

(signed)

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